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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF RESULTS OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

1. ON AUGUST 1, I MET WITH UAE MINISTER OF STATE RASHID ABDALLAH TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF BELGRADE NAM MEETING. ABDALLAH HAD JUST RETURNED HAVING HEADED UAE DELEGATION. DISCUSSION REVOLVED AROUND FOUR ISSUES WHICH I FELT WERE WORTH RAISING:

--A) PUERTO RICO. I EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT NAM CONFERENCE HAD ACCEPTED ESSENTIALLY A CUBAN STIMULATED STATEMENT WHICH SEEMED STRONGER THAN COLOMBO, PARTICULARLY GIVEN FACT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD SHORTLY BEFORE NAM MEETING AGAIN REITERATED IN MESSAGE TO PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE THAT IT WAS UP TO THEM TO CHOOSE WHAT THEY WANTED. THERE APPEARED TO US TO BE A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THOSE WHO CALL FOR SELF-DETERMINATION BUT RULE OUT ANYTHING BUT INDEPENDENCE. ABDALLAH HAD VERY LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT ISSUE, ONLY THAT IT WAS NOT ONE OF CONCERN TO UAE. COMMENT: NOT CLEAR WHETHER UAE RESERVED (AS IT HAD AT COLOMBO) OR EVEN APPROVED NAM RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE.. PERHAPS EMBASSY BELGRADE CAN DETERMINE THIS FROM NAM

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--B) NIEO: NOTING THAT ABDALLAH IN HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE NAM HAD LAID HEAVY STRESS ON NIEO, I SAID THAT WHILE USG SYMPATHIZES WITH MANY OF PROBLEMS THAT RAW MATERIAL PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN GROUP OF 7 ARE FACING, USG DOES NOT AGREE TO AN NIEO IMPOSED BY THE GROUP OF 77. US WOULD

CONTINUE TO TRY TO REACH FOR MORE REALISTIC SOLUTIONS -- SUCH AS THOSE SET FORTH AT RECENT ASEAN MEETING -- WHICH WOULD PRESERVE FREE MARKET SYSTEM IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. FOR COUNTRY LIKE UAE, WHICH HAD BENEFITTED FROM FREE MARKET IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, SEEMED TO ME THAT NIEO-IMPOSED PROGRAM WOULD BE ADVERSE TO UAE'S OWN LONG TERM WELL BEING.

--C) MIDDLE EAST: I SAID THAT WHILE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WAS PROBABLY A TRADE OFF TO EXEMPT PRESIDENT SADAT FROM CRITICISM IN RETURN FOR A STRONG STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST, WE DID NOT SEE HOW IT HELPED U.S. EFFORTS TO GET PARTIES TO REACH A SETTLEMENT. MOREOVER, EQUATING ZIONISM AND RACISM WOULD NOT WIN SUPPORT FOR THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN THE U.S. ABDALLAH REMARKED THAT THE CONSENSUS ON THE MIDDLE EAST WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION HAD CHANGED SOMEWHAT. THIS TIME, EGYPTIANS WERE WILLING TO LISTEN TO OTHER ARAB DELEGATIONS. PREVIOUSLY, GOE POSITION HAD BEEN TO REFUSE TO DISCUSS SADAT INITIATIVE, SAYING THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TRY FOR PEACE AND THAT THERE WAS STILL TIME TO SEE IF INITIATIVE WOULD BEAR FRUIT.

--D) LOCUS OF NEXT HAVANA MEETING: I WONDERED IF UAE WOULD GO TO HAVANA GIVEN ABDALLAH'S PREVIOUS STATEMENTS TO ME THAT UAE WOULD NOT ATTEND. ABDALLAH REITERATED THAT UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID HAD INSTRUCTED THAT UAE WOULD NOT ATTEND NAM
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MEETING IF HELD IN HAVANA. TO MY QUESTION, ABDALLAH THOUGHT THAT AT LEAST ONE THIRD OF COUNTRIES WHO ATTENDED BELGRADE NAM CONFERENCE WOULD REFUSE ATTEND SEPTEMBER 1979 NAM MEETING IF HELD IN HAVANA. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT CUBA DOES IN NEXT YEAR IN DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THE NATURE OF ITS ROLE IN AFRICA.
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